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**The Daily Press.**

HONGKONG, JANUARY 5TH, 1907.

Our news from Canton to-day is again of a most important nature. The revival of the anti-American boycott, as reported by our correspondent at that port, indicates that this time business is meant. It has an air of determination about it which to us seemed lacking in the first instance; and of course there are various ways in which it may affect and be affected by the approaching New Year settlement. For the moment the meetings are suppressed, but this may be only a temporary check, and in all probability the propaganda will continue irrespective of the official proclamations. The movement, before was crippled by the uncertainty and lack of unity among the Chinese as a whole, and the undertaking of the American authorities to do their utmost to arrive at a mutually satisfying solution of the trouble was perhaps a welcome excuse for its relaxation. Since then, however, much has happened of which we cannot reasonably suppose the Chinese to have been kept in ignorance. It has been discovered that, however sincere Washington's intentions may be, the Federal Government is impatient so far as coping with States' prejudices is concerned. Those prejudices have come to the surface stronger and more conspicuous than ever; and there has been no real mitigation of the grievances of the Orient. On top of all this, the good will of the American Government has been manifestly worsened by political exigencies. To have tried and failed, would have been something, though it might not have stayed off Chinese resentment very long. But now the Chinese

are informed that nothing has even been attempted. The anti-Oriental prejudices of Western America have betrayed to them the real powerlessness of the American Government to keep its treaty pledges or any other promises likely to run counter to high feeding in individual states; and being convinced of their own power, they appear resolved this time to force an issue. How far the recrudescence movement will have the secret sympathy of the Chinese authorities is a question that now demands consideration.

As a matter of fact, though the central government of China endorsed the American promises to attempt reform and amelioration of the Chinese immigrant's lot, and lent its support openly to the discouragement of the original agitation, we happen to know that Peking is by no means averse to a forcing of the issue with America. That Chinese diplomatic promises are themselves so often like the picture of the adage does not prevent the Chinese from feeling disgusted by the discrepancy between America's friendly words and unfriendly performances. China is not exactly a child in these matters, and altruistic theories and professions do not compensate her for practical incursions therewith. China has a stronger sense than usual, and China knows it. So far as we can judge from the samples of the American Press we receive, it is the Americans who are in the dark as to their position, which, we take it, is that of riding for a diplomatic fall. The Chinese entertain the opinion that there is now no operative Treaty with the United States. What the American Government relies on are the old treaties, which they themselves have impliedly nullified. The Chinese demand admission to the Philippines as a sine qua non of any modus operandi; and for this and the many other violations of old agreements, China must be compelling rather a formidable bill against the American Government. The Americans cannot have what they want until they, in their own expressive idiom, "make good." As diplomacy seems to have remained for some time at a deadlock, vis-a-vis these difficulties, we should not be at all surprised to find the new boycott movement thriving under a perfunctory discouragement and a sincere if private encouragement. President Roosevelt is a strong man, but no one can envy him his present embarrassed position. With California obdurate on one hand, and Japan and China equally or more determined on the other, the desired solution seems as hard to come at as Truth at the bottom of her well. America faces civil disruption in one way and loss of Asiatic prestige and influence, with its profitable commercial concomitants, in another. On this side, we can only watch the attitude of the guilds, and try to discover the easterly leanings of the Chinese authorities. A few more weeks should show whether America, now "up against it," to use another Americanism, is to have her hand forced for good or ill. Certainly her present position cannot long continue tenable.

The captain of the H. A. L. *Daphne*, which arrived in port yesterday, reports that on December 23rd, he rescued fourteen Japanese from a shipwrecked sailer, and landed them safely at Vladivostok.

Messrs. E. S. Katoor & Co. are in receipt of telegraphic advices from Singapore, informing them that the crushing of the Roub Australian Gold Mining Co. for the past four weeks yielded 602 ozs. smelted gold, from 3,757 tons stone.

A Chinese witness, while being sworn at the magistracy yesterday, held up his hand as he were taking the oath in the Scottish fashion. The incident provoked a smile, and led to the suggestion that the man was anxious to impress the Court that he was well informed on Western customs.

The insufficiency of the accommodation at the Magistracy was never more apparent than yesterday, when the Second Court was thronged to such an extent that solicitors had to wait their turn at the entrance before they could secure a seat at the table. There was an unusually large attendance of legal gentlemen, and with so many contested cases to be dealt with it was no wonder that little progress was made with the business before the Court.

The annual meeting of the Hongkong Odd Volume Society was held at the office of Hon. Mr. H. E. Pollock, K.C., at Bank Buildings, yesterday afternoon. Mr. Pollock presided, and there were also present Messrs. W. H. Parrell, E. D. Haskell and the Rev. G. A. Banbury. Arrangements were made for the provision of lectures at the City Hall during the winter months. The report and accounts as presented were adopted; H. E. the Governor was elected president; H. the Vice-President; Mr. H. E. Pollock was re-elected hon. secretary and Mr. Parrell hon. treasurer. This concluded the business of the meeting.

The *Diadem* returned from her cruise in the South yesterday, having come direct from Singapore.

A block of 300 shares in the Bangkok Dock Company has just been purchased at \$4,000. The block, which works out at 25¢ each. A few days previously, we are informed (says the *Bangkok Times* of December 20th), Dock Company shares in smaller lots were sold and transferred at 35¢.

By kind permission of Lieut.-Col. W. Scott Moncrieff and Officers, the band of the Third Battalion "The Duke of Cambridge's Own" (Middlesex Regiment) will play the following programme of music, during dinner, at the Hongkong Hotel, on Saturday, 5th January, 1907.

Overture..... "I Martini"..... Donizetti  
Valzer..... "Reveries"..... Wabkeufel  
Selection..... "Earl and the Girl"..... Caryl  
Song..... "The Holy City"..... Adams  
Three Dances from "Penny VIII"..... Morris Dance  
by Shepherd's Dance, c. French Dance  
German  
More an Mignon "Salut D'Amour"..... Elgar  
Selection..... "Lolantho"..... Sullivan  
Intermezzo..... "On the Road to Moscow"..... Loetz  
Regimental Marches:  
God bless the Prince of Wales.  
God Save the King.

The steamer *Glady* which was plying between Bangkok and Chantaboon is now a complete wreck near Chantaboon. The *Star Free Press* understands that a party from the Naval Department has left to try and recover some of the cargo which was lost. The *Bangkok Times* of December 19th says: "Much mystery surrounds the whereabouts of the *Glady* which was wrecked on the 1st of Koh Riat, a little to the north of Koh Chuen. This vessel was on a trip from Chantaboon to Bangkok when she met with disaster. She now lies on the rock, partly submerged, and is likely to become a total wreck. It is presumed that she struck when travelling at full speed as the bow is well out of water while the stern is four feet under. The Navy boat *Rua Rok* with five divers on board proceeded to the wreck which is situated ten hours' steam from Bangkok, to recover the money which was packed in quantities of 2,000 in boxes. Each of the four rooms in the after cabin have been opened by the divers, and the *Rua Rok* returned to Bangkok yesterday without finding any trace of the money.

## POLICE SMOKING CONCERT.

In the large matted at Tai-moh-soi Police Station, which was tastefully decorated for the occasion, the Police held their annual New Year entertainment on Thursday night. As before stated, it was a great success, both from the point of view of the promoters and that of the visitors; and it could not have been otherwise with such an energetic committee and such hearty cooperation from friends and members of the force.

Mr. Winter opened the lengthy programme with the comic song "What is the use of a pair of kites," which earned for the singer great applause. Mr. Brown followed with a flute solo, "The mosquito parade," an enjoyable item. Mr. Badcock's singing of "Out on the deep" demanded an encore. Then came Mr. Leslie, a "lion comic," whose more appearances started great applause. He fully maintained his reputation during the evening in his selections. "When I woke up in the morning," "Wait till the work comes round," "Young ladies I have met," and "Items of the day." Mr. O'Brien's rendering of "My Irish Molly" was certainly deserving of the hearty applause which followed. It was one of the best items on the programme, and his other contributions "Their heads nestled close together" and "In the pale moonlight" were equally pleasing. New talent was introduced in the person of Mr. Laker, of H.M.S. *Kent*, whose comic chant "Jennie my own true love," caused rars of laughter. So did his second item "Bed, beautiful bed." After another comic "My youngest son," by Mr. Jerry, Mr. Reed gave a clever conjuring exhibition. Mr. Riggs following with a laughable comic "Do as me," and later with "It's all right in the summer." Messrs. Todd and Oxberry's duet "Excelsior" was heartily enjoyed. Both singers possess strong voices, which blended admirably. Their second effort was "A lie, where art thou?" Mr. Green's rendering of "The farmyard" stamped him a born humorist; his succeeding patter was apparently much appreciated. Mr. Gates held his hearers with his song "Seaweed," likewise Mr. Turner in his "When I think of you." Other items which were well received were Mr. Tully's song "Cheer me up," Mr. Williams' "Long live the King" and Mr. Oxberry's fine rendering of "The Soldier's toast."

It now only remains to be said that Messrs. Atkins and Warner worked hard and well as accompanists; that Mr. P. P. J. Wodehouse was a most sympathetic chairman and that the following committee have every reason to be satisfied with the result of the entertainment.—President, Mr. A. C. Langley; Secretary, Mr. W. G. Caygill; Members, Messrs. Atlee, Jackson, Winter, Wills, Clarke, Apol, Mundy, Uwin, Edwards, Wilson, Davis, Roby and Berrie.

## LATEST STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

The M.M. str. *Oceanic*, with the next French mail, left Saigon on Friday, the 4th inst., at 3 a.m. for this port.  
The Boston Tow Boat Co.'s str. *Lyra* arrived at Manila yesterday morning, the 4th Jan.  
The Moul Linc str. *Macduff* left Singapore on the 3rd inst., and may be expected here on the 10th inst.

## TELEGRAMS.

["DAILY PRESS" EXCLUSIVE SERVICE.]

## DISASTROUS FIRE AT PORTSMOUTH DOCKY RD.

LONDON, January 4th.

A fire occurred at the gunwharf, Portsmouth, which occasioned damage to the extent of a quarter of a million.

## ANOTHER RUSSIAN ASSASSINATION.

LONDON, January 4th.

General Lammitz, prefect of St. Petersburg, has been assassinated.

## GERMAN SHIPPING DISPUTE.

LONDON, January 4th.

Bremen shipowners have compelled their officers to withdraw from the Union.

## FRANCO-BRITISH EXPOSITION.

LONDON, January 4th.

Count Nanneville has cut the sod for the Franco-British Exhibition at Shepherdshush which is to cover 140 acres.

## GERMAN POLITICS.

LONDON, January 4th.

German opinion is adverse to Count Buelow's manifesto, only the Centre Socialists being partially satisfied. A great increase in the number of Socialist members is predicted.

## THE MOROCCAN TROUBLE.

LONDON, January 4th.

The Morocco tribes are submitting

## SINGAPORE GOVERNMENT SALARIES.

SINGAPORE, January 4th.

It is rumoured that the Governor recommends a five per cent increase on salaries.

## SINGAPORE PUISNE JUDGE-SHIP.

SINGAPORE, January 4th.

It is reported that Mr. Sercombe Smith has accepted the Straits Puisne Judgeship.

[On inquiry at the Colonial Office, our representative was informed by the Hon. Mr. Sercombe Smith that he was not in a position to give any information.]

## ["REUTER'S SERVICE"]

TH "AWA MARU."

LONDON, January 2nd.

An attempt to boat the *Awa Maru* has failed, but another will be made today, after which, if necessary, the Spring tides will be waited for.

## THE FAMINE IN RUSSIA.

LONDON, January 2nd.

The famine in Russia is gaining in extent and intensity; hunger and typhus are spreading rapidly in several provinces, and reports from various parts announce the failure of the winter crops owing to the cold and drought.

## GREAT BRITAIN AND FRANCE.

LONDON, January 2nd.

King Edward through Sir Francis Knollys, in reply to a congratulatory telegram from the *Echo de Paris* earnestly hopes that the warm feeling of friendship existing between France and Great Britain will never be disturbed.

## FRANCE.

LONDON, January 2nd.

General Piquart has started for Biserta with a large staff, on an important mission in connection with the defenses of the port.

The crank is irrational; he has no wild objection to the universe but only a wild objection to some isolated point in it—to the most in it to the wine, to the habit of rejoicing at Christmas. But he may be something far greater—a man who at every turn sees through our smug civilization to the barbarity and licentiousness on which it is founded. It is not normal to see through so much: such a man is eccentric.

## SUPREME COURT.

Friday, January 4th.

IN BANKRUPTCY.

BEFORE SIR FRANCIS PIGOTT (CHIEF JUSTICE).

## CHUNG SHUN-KOO'S AFFAIRS.

His Lordship delivered his reserved decision regarding the admission of certain proofs in the debtor's estate. He said:—The question I have to decide is whether the proof of the Tak Tai Oil shop in respect of the difference on two contracts for the purchase of oil, entered into with that shop and Chung Shun-koo, is to be allowed to stand. In the first place I am satisfied that the two contracts were entered into as alleged; and were not, as was suggested, bogus contracts. The only question therefore left is whether they were gambling contracts, and so invalid. I am quite clear that so far as Chung Shun-koo was concerned they were speculative and that he intended to realize a profit by resale under the clause in the contracts, and not to take delivery. But that is not sufficient. In order that the proof should be disallowed, it must be shown that the contracts were entered into for the purpose only, that is, that both parties entered into them with that object in view, and with no intention either to take or to insist on delivery of the oil. A very exhaustive and closely reasoned cross-examination of Chun Han-ping, the managing partner of the Tak Tai shop, with whom the contracts were entered into, failed to elicit anything which would lead me to the conclusion that so far as the first contract is concerned it was any other than a bona fide contract for delivery of oil on the part of the firm.

An exceptionally large one it is true, but the manager's statements as to how he proposed to supply the 11,400 gallons can, I think, be accepted. He could not have supplied the whole at any one time, even with the fourteen days' notice which the contract required, but though I cannot find any decision on the question, I am fairly clear that where a contract is to take a large quantity of goods by instalments during a long period of time, there is no breach if the whole cannot be supplied at any one time within that period. With regard to the second contract for 10,000 gallons, I am not quite so clear; and I think different principles govern it. To adopt the simple illustration referred to during the argument: if a debtor has ordered a suit of clothes from a tailor and bankruptcy supervenes to prevent the contract being carried out, the tailor can prove for the loss of profit. But, if the debtor has ordered a thousand suits which he clearly has no use for, and if he intends merely to speculate on the rise in price of cloth, then the question whether the tailor has himself entered into the contract speculatively, may, I think, be determined by ascertaining what steps he has taken to fulfil the contract should he be called on to do so. I have doubts whether the Tak Tai did make sufficient preparations to fulfil this contract, but the curious part of the case is that the bargain money, \$1,200, was paid on the second and not on the first contract, which certainly gives it an air of bona fide, and I think turns the scale in favour of admitting the proof. The action of the trustee in testing these contracts in the way he has done was fully justified.

## IN ORIGINAL JURISDICTION.

BEFORE SIR FRANCIS PIGOTT (CHIEF JUSTICE).

## MOTION TO WIND UP CLUB LUSITANO.

Considerable interest was centred in the motion brought before his Lordship by Mr. Slade for the winding up of the Club Lusitano, the court-house being nearly full of members of the Portuguese community.

Mr. M. W. Slade, instructed by Mr. C. D. Wilkinson (of Messrs. Wilkinson and Grist), appeared for the petitioners; Hon. Mr. H. E. Pollock, K.C., instructed by Mr. P. W. Goldring (of Messrs. Goldring and Barlow) and Mr. F. X. d'Almeida e Castro, represented a body of shareholders, while another body of shareholders was represented by Sir Henry Berkeley, instructed by Mr. J. Scott Harston (of Messrs. Evans and Harston) Mr. H. G. C. Bailey (of Messrs. Johnson, Stokes and Master) watched the case on behalf of the directors of the Club.

The petitioners, A. G. Romano and J. J. Leiris, counsel general and vice-counsel for Portugal respectively, set forth in their petition that the Club was formed in 1892 and registered under the Companies Ordinance. The Club was commenced in order to promote social intercourse, etc., between members of the Portuguese community. It had a capital of \$18,000, divided into 360 shares of \$50 each, of which the petitioners held 116. Disputes arose about three years ago between one body of shareholders, certain members of another body of shareholders and other members. These disputes continued and led to certain shareholders ceasing to frequent the Club and eventually resigning. Quite recently an attempt was made by those in authority to exclude certain members from the Club and legal action followed. The costs of these proceedings were ordered to be paid by the Club and its directors. The Club possessed no funds available for such a purpose, and the directors were not empowered to raise a loan, and certain shareholders objected to disposing of any of the Club's assets for the purpose. For sometime the expenses of the Club have exceeded its earnings, and the Club have no means of paying their debts. Other shareholders holding 103 shares were also desirous of winding up, but the petitioners and these shareholders combined did not hold sufficient shares to pass the necessary resolution to wind up. The petitioners, therefore, asked that the Club should be wound up under the provisions of the Companies Ordinance of 1865, and that all necessary directions be given by the Court.

Mr. Slade—If my friend asks me to say so, I say certainly.

Sir Henry Berkeley—That's a gratuitous insult to the Portuguese community.

Continuing, he said there was no reason for stating that the gentleman who were now members were lower in social status than those who were members when Mr. Romano belonged to the Club. The question of lack of revenue could be met by the directors applying for a licence and getting a productive source of revenue. The Club had gone on for 40 years after opening with a deficit, and it would have been much more patriotic of Mr. Leiris if, instead of endeavouring to close the Club, he would help by paying a small sum towards the licence. Counsel suggested that his Lordship should dismiss the petition. The opposing parties could go back, shake hands and make friends.

His Lordship—They have shown no desire to do that.

Sir Henry Berkeley—No, my Lord; but give them a chance.

His Lordship—I shouldn't dismiss the petition. I can only suspend it. From the proceedings one can see there are two factions in the Club, and that it is going to pieces. The proper thing to do would be to reconstitute it. The hearing was adjourned.

The Foreign Office has informed the Novoe Vremya that negotiations on the subject of the Fishery Convention with Japan are proceeding at St. Petersburg between Mr. Motono and M. Goubatoff, but declines to give details. It declares, however, that these negotiations are distinct from those which are being conducted at Tokyo for indemnifying the Russian fishery companies at Sakhalin. The *Novoe Vremya* also devotes a long article to a denunciation of the worthlessness of the Russian Consulate in Peking.

Mr. Slade stated that the Club Lusitano was formed in 1892 to carry out the object set out in the memorandum of association. Some time last autumn a judgment with costs was given against the Club, and it was also brought home to the directors that they had been contravening the law by supplying refreshments in the Club. The Company of the Club was a different body entirely to the social Club, and shareholders in the Company were not necessarily shareholders in the Club and vice versa. In consequence of this state of facts it became apparent that the Club could only sell liquors under a licence as a public house, and finally they closed the bar; and, in consequence of that, it was impossible for the company carrying on the Club to make it pay. Under the articles of association the Club had no power to borrow, the consequence being that although the Club was possessed of considerable property it was unable to raise money to pay its debts. Counsel asked his Lordship to take into consideration that in the Club, as at present constituted, dissensions were rife among members, that a substantial body of the Portuguese community would have nothing to do with the Club, the directors of which went so far as to expel the Portuguese Consul-General four years ago. The Club really could not carry on its business on account of the liquor laws of the Colony.

Sir Henry Berkeley said the petition was presented by Messrs. Leiris and Romano—nephew and uncle. It was not a petition, he regretted to say, presented in good faith for the purpose of promoting the object for which the Lusitano Club was formed. It was not presented to enable the Club to be reconstructed on a better basis. He suggested from facts appearing in the affidavit that the petition was the result of feelings arising from the expulsion of Mr. Romano some four years ago, and that Mr. Leiris, possessing 103 of the 116 shares, owned between him and Mr. Romano, had taken advantage of the unfortunate dispute lately arising in the Club to foment the friction, and then presented the petition.

Mr. Slade—I don't think my learned friend should make positive accusations of fact against any individual unless there is some evidence.

Sir Henry Berkeley—The cases are quite clear. If the Court is not satisfied the application is made bona fide, it will dismiss the petition. It is more than a suggestion that this is not a bona fide application in the interests of the Portuguese community. Proceeding, he said that Mr. Leiris, if the Club was wound up, would be a very large pecuniary beneficiary. This company was not formed with the object of putting money into anybody's pocket; it was for the recreation of the Portuguese gentlemen of this community. If a liquor licence were taken out it would go a long way toward paying the expenses of the Club. When the bar was run before there came a time when the price of drinks was increased. When some young gentlemen's education was ruined, they were expelled. They appeared to have made use of some unparliamentary language. The directors wanted to punish these recalcitrant young members, and now refused to take out a licence. The unfortunate retirement of Mr. Romano from the Club seemed to have made it not so fashionable, not so distinguished. But he left four years ago and still the bar made profits. Mr. Slade put it to his Lordship that because Mr. Romano was expelled the result was that the Club was no longer regarded favourably by the Portuguese community. He left in 1902, but for the three following years there was no diminution of members. If they had now tumbled down, the cause was not to be ascribed to the retirement of Mr. Romano. Does Mr. Slade think that the members of the Portuguese Club to-day are a lower class than formerly?

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## POLICE COURT.

Friday, January 4th.

**BYRON M. F. A. HAZELAND (First Police Magistrate).**

## A FEROCIOUS DOG.

Esther Oliver, of the New Travellers Hotel, was summoned for keeping a ferocious dog. Inspector Ritchie stated that the dog had bitten a boy on the 20th December and he had been ten days in the hospital. It had also bitten Mr. P. d'Agostini on the third of the same month.

His Worship—What have you to say? You know a dog is only entitled to one bite.

Defendant—Yes, can it be settled by compensation? I do not wish to destroy the dog.

His Worship—You must compensate the boy.

Defendant—I do not wish to destroy the dog; will it be sufficient to muzzle him?

His Worship—You must muzzle him. The dog does not look very ferocious.

Defendant—He is a very good house dog.

Inspector Ritchie—I have received orders to press this charge, as the dog is dangerous. The Deputy Superintendent thought the dog ought to be destroyed.

His Worship—Has it bitten anybody else?

Defendant—No. I have had it for four years, and this is the first trouble I have had.

Mr. d'Agostini, who had had his leg dressed at the hospital, did not ask for compensation, and his Worship discharged defendant with a caution on paying \$2 compensation to the boy.

## LICENSING OFFENCE.

Yon Wo, of the Commodore's Shop, 111 Queen's Road East, was fined \$10 for selling liquor without an appropriate license. He had failed to take out a license this year, but continued selling liquor.

## BEFORE MR. C. D. MCKENNA (Second Police Magistrate).

## RICHARD AND HORSE TRAFFIC.

Mr. H. Logan, of 4 Austin Avenue, Kowloon, summoned a richard for not observing the rules of the road. It appears that Mr. Logan was driving to his bungalow along Robinson Road when the defendant either took fright at his approach or wilfully got in front with his richard.

Inspector Langley said the richard was not accustomed to horse traffic. That was the first case of the kind. Fined \$3.

## CHARGING EXCESSIVE FARE.

The master of S.S. *Taitien* summoned the owner of a sampans for demanding more than the legal fare on January 2nd. Complainant stated that when he and another man went to get to the ship between one and two o'clock in the morning the man in charge demanded two dollars to take them to the *Taitien*, he had previously obtained two dollars from two German officers who were in the sampans. On getting to the ship he paid the man a dollar, so that he got \$3 in all, instead of \$1.20, which was the legal fare.

His Worship imposed a fine of \$3, and thanked the master and his companion for coming up to the Court to prosecute. If others would do the same the practice would be stopped.

## CROWN OR PRIVATE PROPERTY.

O. E. Ribeiro, of the China Import and Export Banking Company, was summoned by the Building Authority for having on the 20th December exhibited a show case at the end of Queen's Road Central in Daddell Street which encroached on Crown land. Mr. Otto Kong Sing, for the defence, asked for an adjournment in order to make application to the P.W.D. for permission to use the place for the purpose required. The show case was a small one containing post cards and was hung on the wall. For five or six years, he understood, the premises had been used for a similar purpose, and he wished to know if the premises were private property. If so, the exhibition of the case was legal. If it were not private property, then he would apply for the required permission.

Remanded for a week.

## THE FIRST PHILIPPINE ASSEMBLY.

In reference to the first Philippine Assembly, Mr. Frank Warrell, writing from S. Mount Vernon-place, Boston, Mass.,—"From this reader would naturally infer that the Philippines are about to make their own laws and that the Philippine Commission is to disappear as a law-making body. In other words, a liberal autonomy is to be conferred like that of Australia, or Canada, within the British Empire. The facts are otherwise, and it is to be regretted that *The Times* should have been misled into affording the hospitality of its columns to a statement so misleading. Section 7 of the Act of Congress, approved July 1st, 1902, provides: "That two years after the completion and publication of the census, in case such condition of general and complete peace, with recognition of the authority of the United States, shall have been attained in the territory of said islands not inhabited by Moros or other non-Christian tribes, the President shall direct said Commission to call a general election for the people of said territory in the Philippine Islands, which shall be known as the Philippine Assembly. Under this system, the Philippine Commission, which, on the one hand, is still to retain the full executive power, on the other hand, as the legislative Upper House, checks every move of the Assembly, or Lower House, and can thus continue to defeat the popular will. The Commission is a body of eight men, all appointed by the President of the United States and removable at his pleasure. The Philippine Commission is asking for the broad of self-government and this is the stone that is being served up to them.

## LOCAL SPORT.

## CRICKET.

The following teams will meet in a match to-morrow, commencing at 1.15 p.m.:

Over 30. (1) Hon. Mr. T. Sercombe Smith, (2) Major H. E. Lewis, 19th Inf., (3) Capt. R. E. E. Kriekenbeck, 11th Inf., (4) Major E. W. R. Stephenson, 3rd Mdd., (5) H. R. Phelps, (6) R. E. O. Bird, (7) A. Mackenzie, (8) H. W. Woodward, (9) G. E. Morrell, (10) S. Robinson, (11) A. N. Other.

Under 30. (1) W. C. D. Turner, (2) E. A. Fowler, (3) N. H. Rutherford, (4) L. H. E. Slinger, Leathes, i.m.s., (5) Lt. J. M. G. Taylor, 11th Inf., (6) Eng. Lt. Seltor, n.n., (7) P. Jacks, (8) J. Hall, (9) J. H. Chalmers, (10) R. Pekonji, (11) A. N. Other.

CRAIGENGOWER v. TELEGRAPHS.

The Craigengower C.C. and the Telegraph Company will play a cricket match on the ground of the former Club to-day at 2.15 p.m.

The following will represent the Craigengower C.C.:—L. E. Lamont (Capt.), R. Farn, A. O. Brown, J. D. Kinnaird, L. A. Hogg, E. Irving, S. E. Green, R. Panton, R. B. Cooper, G. Evans and J. Craig. Reserve:—C. H. Lyson.

The following will represent the Telegraph Company:—P. T. Lambie, J. Bolton, G. A. Woodcock, P. B. Adams, Bullock, and A. Tucker. Reserve:—Mr. Chawley. Umpire:—Mr. W. H. F. Smith.

## H.K.C.C. "A" v. R.W. POLICE.

The following will represent H.K.C.C. "A" in this match on the Naval ground (by kind permission) this afternoon at 2.15 p.m.:—H. W. Colomb, n.n., Lt. Dodgson, n.n., S. Robinson, n.n., T. O. Gray, S. Moore, H. H. Taylor, B. F. Chapman, E. G. Ferguson, Rev. H. R. Wells, A. N. Other and S. O. Ellis.

## LEAGUE TABLE.

The following is the League table up to date:—

CLUB. Played. Won. Lost. Drawn. Points.

Civil Service 4 4 0 0 16

Craigengower 4 4 0 0 16

Hongkong Police 4 4 0 0 16

Kowloon 4 4 0 0 16

H.K.C.C. "A" 4 4 0 0 16

Army Staff 4 4 0 0 16

R.G.A. 4 4 0 0 16

R.E. 4 4 0 0 16

3 points = a win.

1 point = a draw.

## FOOTBALL.

## HONGKONG FOOTBALL CLUB.

The following have been chosen to play for the Club versus Y.M.C.A. at Happy Valley, to-day (Saturday). Kick off, 4.15 p.m.:—H. W. Clarke, Backs, H. L. Garrett and C. E. Morrell; Half Backs, H. C. Gray, E. Humphreys and A. Morley; Forwards, W. H. Williams, R. Miller, J. MacG. Weston, R. R. Turner and J. Mead. Referee:—P. S. Jameson.

## HONGKONG FOOTBALL CHALLENGE SHIELD.

The following are the entries for this season's competition:—

H.M.S. "King Alfred"

H.M.S. "Disraeli"

Hongkong Rugby Club

Hongkong Football Club

"A" Co. 3rd Middlesex Reg.

"F" Co. 3rd Middlesex Reg.

"G" Co. 3rd Middlesex Reg.

Royal Engineers

Royal Artillery

Y.M.C.A.

Lusitano F.C.

R.A.M.C.

## YACHTING.

Corinthian Yacht Club fixtures for to-morrow are:—

Commodore's Cup race. One design. Course: Kowloon Rock (starboard), Meyer's last buoy (port), Lyman Buoy (port), 10 miles. Starting gun goes at 10.45 a.m.

First Club Motor Boat race. Course: From Club House, Lyman buoy (starboard), and back, seven and a half miles. Starting gun at 3 p.m.

## WEDDING.

The wedding was solemnised at St. John's Cathedral on Thursday of Mr. Herbert R. F. Hancock, of Messrs. Shaw, Toms and Co., and Miss Mary Isabelle Stobart, daughter of Mr. D. W. Stobart, of Police Court, London.

The ceremony, which was conducted by the Rev. F. T. Johnson, assisted by the Rev. G. A. Bunbury, was witnessed by a large and fashionable congregation. The bride was given away by her brother, Mr. James Douglas Stobart, who made the journey from London for that special purpose. She wore a white satin princess dress, with old Limerick lace, and white satin court train. Her ornaments included a diamond and turquoise pendant and a diamond brooch.

The presents respectively of the bridegroom and Mr. Sidney Hancock. As bridesmaids she had four little girls, Misses Moxon, D. May, Margaret Stewart Lockhart, and Betty Slade, while her train was held by the two little sons of Commodore Williams. Mr. Harry Hancock, brother of the bridegroom, acted as best man.

A reception was held afterwards at the residence of Mr. Sidney Hancock, at 10 Queen's Gardens.

Mrs. Stewart Lockhart and a sister of the bridegroom undertook the duties of hostesses.

The happy couple left by the German mail for the north, the honeymoon to be spent in Shanghai and Peking.

## BOYCOTT REVIVED.

## AMERICAN PROMISES UNKEPT: CANTONESE AMONG.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT).

Canton, January 2nd.

The Chinese boycott of American goods has taken a new lease of life. The Boycott Union here received a cablegram from the Chinese merchants at Portland (Oregon), stating that at the meeting of Congress the question of the emigration laws, etc., were not brought up as promised. On receipt of the telegram a meeting was convened at the Kwong Chai Hospital to discuss what methods of retaliation should be adopted. Thousands of people attended the meeting and Mr. Tat Shue, one of the former boycott leaders, was elected to take the chair. He first read the telegram and then proposed 12 resolutions which were passed and adopted.

The first was a decision to devise means to make the boycott effective; no American goods whatever to be bought.

The second was to establish a depot in the city in which all the merchants and dealers are to deposit their stocks of American goods for disposal as may be deemed expedient—as entailing least loss.

The third resolution related to venue of regular meetings and the provision of permanent headquarters.

The fourth agreed to prepare anti-American songs and to engage men to sing them everywhere in public, so as to propagate and spread the boycott feeling.

Resolution No. 5 provided for the publication of a book detailing the ill-treatment of Chinese in America.

The sixth arranged to post copies of the telegram from Portland in all conspicuous positions possible.

In the seventh, the newspapers are ordered to refuse advertisements of American goods; and the public requested not to subscribe to any paper publishing such.

All present agreed in No. 8 to post notifications on their own doors to the effect that they would not buy or use American goods, and recommending students and others to advocate a like abstention.

The next was to cable the Portland merchants enquiring if they had wired to other places in China, with a view to inspiring any omission.

The tenth resolution decided that for further meetings, two more to be held immediately.

The eleventh was an omnibus resolution: it invites the co-operation of the thirty principal guilds, giving them responsibility for the boycott if they will take it; agrees to petition Viceroy Chou Fu to forbid Chinese labourers to go to Panama; and decides to memorialize through him the Central government to vigorously re-open the emigration question with the American Minister.

Finally, Mr. Li Shew King was appointed secretary of the Boycott Union.

I hear that the American Consul has asked the Viceroy to prohibit these meetings and this propaganda. On January 1st the Police called at the Kwong Chai Hospital and said no more meetings must be held. On the same day Deputy Chou posted a proclamation at the Hospital, by the Kwong Chai Prefect, against such meetings. There was a meeting next day, but the chairman read out the proclamation, and pending representations to the Viceroy, the meeting was adjourned sine die.

## REVIEW OF EXCHANGE, BAR SILVER AND BANK RATE OF DISCOUNT, FOR 1906.

(BY MR. TH. CHRISTIANI).

## HIGHEST AND LOWEST.

Hongkong. London.

Months. T. T. Bar Silver. Bank rate of Discount.

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February 2nd 2nd 30 29 11 1/2 4 1/2

March 2nd 2nd 30 29 11 1/2 4 1/2

April 2nd 2nd 30 29 11 1/2 4 1/2

May 2nd 2nd 30 29 11 1/2 4 1/2

June 2nd 2nd 30 29 11 1/2 4 1/2

July 2nd 2nd 30 29 11 1/2 4 1/2

August 2nd 2nd 30 29 11 1/2 4 1/2

September 2nd 2nd 30 29 11 1/2 4 1/2

October 2nd 2nd 30 29 11 1/2 4 1/2

November 2nd 2nd 30 29 11 1/2 4 1/2

December 2nd 2nd 30 29 11 1/2 4 1/2

MEMO.

HIGHEST—19th November.

LOWEST—12th March.

SILVER.

HIGHEST—19th November.

LOWEST—12th March.

## TABLE SHOWING THE HIGHEST AND LOWEST PRICES OF BAR SILVER IN LONDON, BASED ON EXCHANGE IN HONGKONG, AND BANK OF ENGLAND RATES OF DISCOUNT, FOR THE YEARS 1877 TO 1906.

Bar Silver in London. Exchange in Hongkong. Bank Rate of Discount in London.

HIGHEST. LOWEST. HIGHEST. LOWEST. HIGHEST. LOWEST.

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1906 58 53 4 1/2 4 1/2 5 2

Hongkong, 1st January, 1907.

## CHINESE RAILWAY COMMISSIONER'S VISIT TO MALAYA.

## \$500,000 SUBSCRIBED IN SINGAPORE.

Some time ago, we (*Straits Times*) called attention to the presence in Singapore of His Excellency Cheng Pao-seng, Director of Railways in the Province of Fokien. This Chinese official is on a tour among his compatriots in Malaya for the purpose of arousing their interest in the railway schemes now in course of promotion in the Fokien Province, and if all we hear is true he has succeeded admirably in his mission.

In Singapore alone, in spite of the outcry about "hard times" Cheng is reported to have obtained subscriptions for no less than 100,000 shares. As each share is valued at \$5—we do not know if this is local currency, or the Chinese dollar, of varying degrees of fineness now being turned out in the various provincial mints of China, or the convenient, but fast-disappearing, Mexican coin—the amount collected in Singapore amounts to \$500,000. This ought to satisfy this patriotic delegate of Chinese manhood, and if the money is well laid out, the Straits Chinese may lay the flattering unction to their souls that they have borne no inconsiderable share in the reform of their Fatherland and its development by means of rapid transportation.

His Excellency left Singapore on the 8th instant for Penang. We are informed that he will spend three weeks in perambulating the Native States in search of further subscriptions. From Penang he travels to Kangoon, and upon his return to Singapore, will go on to Java. His mission terminates there, and he will then return to China via Singapore.

While in Singapore, Cheng sent out broadcast an "Express" printed in Chinese explaining the object of his mission and soliciting financial support. The document is too long to reproduce in our columns, but the following is a summary of its principal statements:—

"During the past ten years, the Chinese resident in China have awakened to a sense of the importance of railway construction for the development of the resources of the country, though they are, unfortunately, ignorant of engineering knowledge themselves. The people of the Hekien (or Fokien) Province have just become aware of the necessity for railways throughout the Province, and the necessity for linking up their railway system with those already constructed or contemplated in the Province of Kwangtung and Kwangsi. Anhui and Chihliang."

"The Board of Commissioners in Fokien Province, therefore, petitioned the Emperor and the Board of Trade to follow the construction of a railway in their Province, under the management of one Mr. Tan Peh-thin (Cheng Pao-seng), who was once, about twenty years ago, a Minister, but who has now retired from official position. This petition was granted, and Mr. Tan Peh-thin, who is reported to be a man of great experience, has already visited Amoy, Canton and Shanghai to learn something of railway management and also to consult engineering experts regarding the routes and construction of a system in Fokien."

"Having obtained this information he attended a meeting, in the Province, of representatives of the Board of Trade and the Board of Commissioners (This latter body seems to be some sort of Board of Directors or Company promoters.—Ed. *Straits Times*). At this meeting, it was decided that the Company should be Joint Stock Company. Mr. Tan Peh-thin stated at this meeting that judging from the products of the Province and the possibilities of development of its natural resources there was likely to be sufficient business for a railway line, and he had no reason to doubt that it could be constructed by them and be made just as lucrative an enterprise as railways were in other countries."

"Mr. Tan Peh-thin is now in Singapore seeking to enlist the interest of the Chinese residents in the scheme he is promoting, and he asks them to come forward and give their support by purchasing shares in the Company. But he is here not only to dispose of shares but to give advice and to learn more about railway management and railway construction."

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VOIGT SENTENCED.

Wilhelm Voigt, the Tilsit cobbler, who astounded and amused the world by the marvelous audacity with which he assumed the character of officer of the Prussian Guards, took command of Prussian soldiers, and with their aid held possession of the town of Koepenick, took high officials into custody, and raided the communal treasury, was on Dec. 1st sentenced to four years' imprisonment for the crimes committed in carrying out his exploit.

The scene in the Court house recalled a brilliant premiere, among the favored persons who had obtained admission being numbers of well-dressed ladies, officers, lawyers, and eminent members of all professions.

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## NOTICE.

**THE HONGKONG DERBY**—A Sweepstake of \$20 each with \$1,500 added. (Half forfeit if declared on or before day of closing entries.) For China Ponies, land side (Griffins on date of entry). First Prize to receive 70 per cent.; Second 20 per cent.; and Third 10 per cent. Weight for inches as per scale. One Mile and a half. Nominations to close to the Clerk of the Jockey at the Hongkong Club House TO-DAY (SATURDAY), 5th January, 1907.

By Order,  
T. P. HOUGH,  
Clerk of the Course,  
Hongkong, 5th January 1907. [154]

## TO LET.

**THE PREMISES** known as No. 199, WANCHAI ROAD, now occupied by Messrs. Macdonnell & Co.'s Engineering Works. Possession, 1st February, 1907.

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Hongkong, 5th January, 1907. [155]

## "BEN" LINE OF STEAMERS.

## NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES

**S.S. "BENARTY,"**  
FROM LEITH, LONDON AND STRAITS.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo are hereby informed that all Goods are being landed at their risk into the hazardous and extra hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., whence and/or from the wharves delivery may be obtained. No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods undelivered after the 10th Jan. will be subject to rent. All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Underwriters on or before the 18th Jan., or they will not be recognized. All broken, chipped, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 10th Jan., at 11 A.M. No Fire Insurance has been effected. Bills of Lading will be countermanded by GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co., Agents.  
Hongkong, 4th January, 1907. [153]



## AUSTRIAN LLOYD'S STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

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**THE "CHINA."**  
Captain Damjanovich, will be despatched as above on or about THURSDAY, the 31st inst., P.M. This Steamer has capital accommodation for passengers, electric light and carries a doctor. For information as to Passage and Freight, apply to—  
**SANDER, WHEELER & Co.,**  
Agents,  
Princes' Buildings,  
Hongkong, 5th January, 1907. [13]



## SPLIT PEAS FOR SALE.

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The Peas can be inspected and Forms of Tenders obtained on application at the Office of the DEPUTY VICTUALLING STORE OFFICER, H.M. NAVAL YARD, Hongkong, 31st December, 1906. [12369]

Action No. 1782 of 1906.  
**IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONGKONG.**

**SUMMARY JURISDICTION.**  
Between **CHU LIN YUEN** Plaintiff,  
and  
**LI CHUNG U** Defendant.

**NOTICE** IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Writ of Foreign Attachment returnable on the 11th day of January, 1907, against all the property movable and immovable of the above named Defendant has been issued in this action pursuant to section 453 of the Hongkong Code of Civil Procedure.

Dated this 27th day of December, 1906.  
**DEACON, LOOKER & DEACON,**  
Solicitors for the Plaintiff.

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Hongkong, 28th November 1906. [2180]

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Swatow, den 28. Dezember 1906.

## KAISERLICH DEUTSCHES KONSULAT.

**DIE** amtlichen Veröffentlichungen des Konsulats Pakhoi-Hoihow werden im Jahr 1907 durch den "OSTASIATISCHEN LLOYD" und die "HONGKONG-DAILY PRESS" erfolgen.

Pakhoi, 12. Dezember 1906.

## DER KAISERLICH DEUTSCHE KONSUL.

**H. VON VARCHMIN.**  
**UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANION, LIMITED.**

## NOTICE.

**THE CERTIFICATE** No. 1932 for One Share numbered 43 on which the Sum of \$25 has been paid up standing in the register in the name of JOHN C. BRENNAN, having been declared LOST, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that unless the said Certificate is produced to the Society on or before the 1st day of March next, a new Certificate for the said share will be issued by the Society and the old Certificate will thereafter be held as Null and Void.

By Order of the Board of Directors,  
**W. L. SAUNDERS,**  
Secretary.  
Hongkong, 4th January, 1907. [118]

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Hongkong, 25th December, 1906. [2341]

## PRIVATE INFORMATION BUREAU.

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Hongkong, 25th December, 1906. [2342]

## NOTICE.

**TENDERS** with Sample submitted, are invited for 50,000 AUSTRALIAN HARDWOOD SLEEPERS, name GREY GUM or BUSH size 9" by 6" by 8 feet delivery c.f.i. to be made at Wongsu Railway Wharf not later than end of July, 1907.

Tenders in Hongkong currency will be opened on the 4th February, 1907, at 2 p.m. at the Railway Office, Wongsu, Canton. All Tenders must be accompanied with a Certified Cheque or Cash for \$200 as security of good faith which will be returned if Tender is not accepted.

The Company is not bound to accept the lowest or any Tender.

By Order,  
**K. G. KWONG,**  
Engineer in Chief.  
Yuet-Han Railway,  
Canton, 22nd December, 1906. [2327]

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Hongkong, 13th November, 1906. [2069]

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Hongkong, 1st January, 1907. [128]

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No. 4, Queen's Road Central,  
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Hongkong, 18th December, 1906. [2297]

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## NOTICE.

**THE** Interest and Responsibility of Mr. ROBERT HUNTER BRUCE in our Firm CEASED on 31st December, 1906. We have admitted Mr. WILLIAM WILSON and Mr. RICHARD NIKOLAUS ONLY Partners in our Firm from This Date. TAIT & Co. Amoy, 1st January, 1907. [133]

## INTERNATIONAL BANKING CORPORATION.

## NOTICE.

**I** HEREBY GIVE NOTICE that I have This Day RESUMED CHARGE of the Hongkong Branch of the Corporation. CHAS. R. SCOTT. Hongkong, 2nd January, 1907. [135]

## CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY COMPANY.

## NOTICE.

**I**N Conformity with telegraphic instructions received from the HEAD OFFICE the Undersigned ASSUMES CHARGE of the Company's business at China Ports from This Date, in succession to Mr. D. E. BROWN, transferred.

**D. W. CRADDOCK,**  
General Traffic Agent for China,  
Hongkong, 1st January, 1907. [131]

## NOTICE.

**I** have This Day admitted my Son, JEHANGIR HOORMUSIEE RUTTONJEE, as a Partner in my Firm, which henceforward will be carried on under the name and style of "H. RUTTONJEE & SON."

**H. RUTTONJEE.**  
Hongkong, 1st January, 1907. [132]

## NOTICE.

**THE** Interest and Responsibility of Mr. CHATER PAUL CHATER in our Firm ceased on the 31st December, 1906. VERNON & SMITH. Hongkong, 1st January, 1907. [123]

## INSURANCES

## THE GLOBUS INSURANCE COMPANY, OF HAMBURG.

**THE** Undersigned, having been appointed AGENTS for the above Company, are prepared to ACCEPT RISKS against FIRE at Current Rates.

**CARLOWITZ & Co.,**  
Hongkong, 13th August, 1906. [29]

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Subscribed Capital, 2,750,000  
Paid-up Capital, 2,750,000  
II. FUND, 3,383,720 18 8

## The Undersigned, AGENTS for the above

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**SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,**  
Hongkong, 11th July, 1906. [1349]

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**REUTER, BROCKELMANN & Co.,**  
Agents,  
Hongkong, 21st April, 1907. [114]

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**LUTGENS, EINSMANN & Co.,**  
Agents,  
Hongkong, 1st January, 1907. [124]

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**NEW DOCK NOW OPEN.**  
**DOCK NO. 3.**

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Length on Blocks... 714 "  
Width of Entrance on Top... 964 "  
Width of Entrance on Bottom... 834 "  
Water on Blocks at Spring Tide... 344 "

**DOCK NO. 1.**  
Extreme Length... 524 feet.  
Length on Blocks... 518 "  
Width of Entrance on Top... 98 "  
Width of Entrance on Bottom... 77 "  
Water on Blocks at Spring Tide... 64 "

**DOCK NO. 2.**  
Extreme Length... 371 feet.  
Length on Blocks... 364 "  
Width of Entrance on Top... 98 "  
Width of Entrance on Bottom... 58 "  
Water on Blocks at Spring Tide... 22 "

Suitable for vessels up to 1,000.

**THE** WORKS are well equipped with LATEST PLANTS and APPLIANCES for undertaking BUILDING or REPAIRING SHIPS, ENGINES, and BOILERS; and also ELECTRICAL WORK.

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The COMPANY has the powerful steamer "OURA-MARU" (712 tons, 700 I.H.P. specially built for SALVAGE PURPOSES) equipped with necessary gear, always ready for service.

Short Notice. [117]

## AUCTIONS

## C. DE M. C. VIEIRA-RIBEIRO, Auctioneer.

**FAVOUR**ED with instructions, will sell by PUBLIC AUCTION, TO-DAY (SATURDAY), the 5th January, 1907, at 2.30 P.M., at his Sales Room at No. 8, Queen's Rd. Central, DRAPERY GOODS.

Comprising—  
**SUIT LENGTHS, DRESS STUFFS, VESTS, NECKTIES, EMBROIDERIES, etc., Also**  
A Quantity of BOOTS and SHOES for Children and Miscellaneous Goods.

Terms—As usual of the concerned.

Hongkong, 4th January, 1907. [151]

## PUBLIC AUCTION.

**MR. GEO. P. LAMBERT** has received instructions from the Executors of the Mortgagee to sell by Public Auction, On MONDAY, the 7th January, 1907, at 3 P.M., at his Sales Rooms, Duddell Street, THE FOLLOWING

**VALUABLE LEASEHOLD PROPERTY** Situate at Victoria in the Colony of Hongkong, namely—

A that piece or parcel of Ground situate at Victoria, aforesaid, registered in the Land Office as Inland Lot, No. 798; area 49,011 square feet or thereabouts; Terms 999 years annual Crown rent \$324.00, together with all the messuages thereon known as Nos. 201, 210, 212, 214, 216, 218, 220, 222, 224 and 226, TILLY STREET, Victoria, aforesaid.

For Further Particulars and Conditions of Sale, apply to

**S. W. TSO,**  
Solicitor for the Mortgagee,  
for to  
**GEO. P. LAMBERT,**  
Auctioneer.  
Hongkong, 24th December, 1906. [110]

## PUBLIC AUCTION.

**THE** Undersigned has received instructions to sell by Public Auction, FOR ACCOUNT OF THE CONCERNED, On WEDNESDAY, the 3rd January, 1907, at 2 P.M., at No. 4, Queen's Road Central.

A LARGE ASSORTMENT OF SILVER AND IVORY WARE.

Comprising—  
**SILVER BOWLS, CUPS, POWDER BOXES, CANS, CASES, VASES, SALT CELLARS, BUCKLES, HAT PINS, &c., &c.; Also**  
A Quantity of CARVED IVORY FIGURES, PHOTO FRAMES, &c., &c.; And  
A Number of SILK-EMBROIDERED BED PILLOW, TABLE and CURTAIN COVERS.

Catalogues will be issued.

Terms—As usual.

**HUGHES & HOUGH,**  
Auctioneers.  
Hongkong, 4th January, 1907. [152]

## PUBLIC AUCTION.

**THE** Undersigned has received instructions to sell by Public Auction, On WEDNESDAY, the 23rd January, 1907, commencing at 3 P.M., at Board the "RAIBLER," the following—

H.M. Surveying Vessel "RAMBLER,"

Single Stern, Composite built, Copper Sheathed,

Displacement... 835 Tons.

Indicated Horse Power... 650 N.D.

Extreme Length... 164 ft. 3 in.

Extreme Breadth... 29 ft. 8 in.

Depth... 18 ft.

Engines... Compound Surface Condensing, Horizontal, by Elder.

Propeller... One Griffith's Gun metal.

Boiler... Three cylindrical Direct Tubular.

Load on Safety Valves... 60 lbs.

Distilling Condenser... Two Normandy's.

Single No. 10 distilling 2,633 gallons of water per 24 hours.

**HULK "MIDGE,"**  
Late Twin Screw Gun Vessel, 603 tons, Composite built, Copper Sheathed.

Length... 155 ft. 0 in.

Breadth... 25 ft. 0 in.

To be sold as the now lie in Hongkong Harbour, with all fittings, &c., on board.

A list of Fittings, &c., to be sold with F.M.S. "RAMBLER" may be seen at the Office of the Naval Store Officer, H.M. Naval Yard.

The Admiralty will not be responsible for any errors in description of Ship, Fittings, Stores, &c.

The Vessel will be OPEN TO INSPECTION for Seven Days before date of Sale, between 10 A.M. and Noon and 2 and 4 P.M. (Saturday and Sunday excepted).

Inspecting Orders can be obtained from the Auctioneers.

Terms—Cash before delivery. 25 per cent of the purchase money to be paid on the fall of the Hammer, balance and the clearance to be effected within 7 days after date of Sale.

**HUGHES & HOUGH,**  
Government Auctioneers.  
Hongkong, 28th December, 1906. [112]

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**N. O. 2, MACDONNELL ROAD.**  
Apply to—  
**COMPRADORE'S DEPARTMENT,**  
Nippon Yusen Kaisha,  
Hongkong, 3rd Jan., 1905. [197]

## TO LET.

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A New House in KENNEDY ROAD, near Wan Chai.

No. 18, McDONNELL ROAD, "TANG YUEN."

No. 90 & 91 GODOWN PRAYA EAST.

Apply to—  
**SAM WANG CO., LTD.,**  
81, Queen's Road Central,  
Hongkong, 13th November, 1906. [103]

## TO LET.

**FULLY FURNISHED**—from April 15th.

**ALTEDENA, BARKER ROAD, the PEAK.**  
Seven Rooms with ample Bath and Dry Rooms. Apply to—  
**J. S. VAN BUREN,**  
Care of Nippon Yusen Kaisha,  
Hongkong, 3rd January, 1907. [133]

## TO LET.

**N. O. 1, WEST END TERRACE, Shamshau,**  
Canton.

Apply to—  
**HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT & AGENCY CO., LTD.**  
Hongkong, 11th December, 1906. [91]

## TO LET.

**2ND FLOOR** No. 12, Queen's Road Central.

**SEMI-DETACHED BUNGALOW** (Sir C. P. Chater's), Robinson Road, Kowloon.

Apply to—  
**LEIGH & ORANGE,**  
1, Des Voeux Road,  
Hongkong, 1st Jan., 1906. [94]

## TO LET.

**OFFICES** in KING'S BUILDING and YORK BUILDING.

"BANFURLY," CONDUIT ROAD.

A HOUSE in WONG NEI CHONG ROAD, GOWHONGS in PRATA EAST.

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Apply to—  
**THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT & AGENCY CO., LTD.**  
Hongkong, 1st March, 1906. [91]

## TO LET.







## SHIPPING.

**ARRIVALS.**  
**ANDALUSIA**, German str., 3,477, Treemann, 4th Jan.—Shanghai 31st Dec., General.—Hamburg-Amerika Linie.  
**RENAULT**, British str., 2,395, J. D. Sarchet, 4th Jan.—London and Singapore 26th Dec., General.—Gibb, Livingston & Co.  
**CHANGHAI**, British str., 2,300, Thomas Moore, 4th Jan.—Kobe via Kuchino 31st Dec., General.—Butterfield & Swire.  
**DAPHNE**, German str., 1,254, E. Schipper, 4th Jan.—Vladivostok 22nd Dec. and Chefoo 31st, General.—Hamburg-Amerika Linie.  
**DIADOME**, British str., 11,000, Umpeville, 4th Jan.—from Batavia.  
**PAKLAT**, German str., 1,360, H. Denner, 4th Jan.—Bangkok 23rd Dec. and Swatow 3rd Jan., Rice.—Norddeutscher Lloyd.  
**VANDALIA**, German str., 3,461, Frank, 4th Jan.—Poochow 1st Jan., General.—Hamburg-Amerika Linie.  
**YAWATA MARU**, Japanese str., 2,673, K. Sakuma, 4th Jan.—Moji 31st Dec., Coal.—Mitsui Bussan Kaisha.

**CLEARANCES.**  
**AT THE HARBOR MASTER'S OFFICE.**  
 Jan. 4th.  
**Germania**, German str., for Sydney.  
**Kueilin**, British str., for Shanghai.  
**Nissin Maru**, Japanese str., for Moji.  
**Skuld**, Norwegian str., for Saigon.  
**Vandala**, German str., for Singapore.  
**Yachon**, British str., for Shanghai.

**DEPARTURES.**  
 Jan. 4th.  
**CHINGPING**, British str., for Chinwantao.  
**CHUNANG**, British str., for Saigon.  
**CHINA JENSEN**, German str., for Haiphong.  
**HAIKUN**, British str., for Swatow.  
**HAIWANG**, Norwegian str., for Canton.  
**KANSU**, British str., for Swatow.  
**PRINZ HEINRICH**, German str., for Shanghai.  
**RAGNAR**, Norwegian str., for Saigon.  
**SANDAKAN**, German str., for Sydney.  
**VICTORIA**, Swedish str., for Saigon.  
**YUENANG**, British str., for Manila.

**SHIPPING REPORTS.**  
 The British str. *Beary* reports: Strong head winds and high seas were encountered all the passage.  
 The British str. *Chungshu* reports: Strong monsoon winds with high seas until 3rd Jan. thence to arrival fine smooth sea.

**VESSELS PASSED ANKER.**  
 Dec. 12, Dutch str. *Sindon*, Guthrie, Dec. 12, from Batavia for Rotterdam.  
 Dec. 13, British str. *Den of Oyl*, Henning, Dec. 13, from Batavia for Marseilles.  
 Dec. 14, 1st str. *Flantula*, Koudenberg, Dec. 14, from Batavia for Amsterdam.  
 Dec. 14, Dutch str. *Wita*, Bagchi, Nov. 1, from Rotterdam for Batavia.  
 Dec. 15, British str. *Clarendon*, Warkor, from Christmas Island.  
 Dec. 15, British str. *Rajput*, Craig, Dec. 15, from Batavia for Colombo.  
 Dec. 16, British str. *Islander*, Wright, Dec. 16, from Christmas Island for Singapore.  
 Dec. 18, British str. *Simmonds*, from Singapore for Christmas Island.  
 Dec. 18, British str. *Gondola*, Saanen, Dec. 17, from Batavia for Ceres Island.

**VESSELS IN DOCK.**  
 Jan. 4th.  
**ABERDEEN DOCKS.—Helene.**  
**KOWLOON DOCKS.—Sorengon**, Montevideo, *Heungshan*, *Friede*, U.S.S. *Pothuider*, *Heilichon*, *Z. Y. de Alencar*, *K. v. rindon*, *Saudakun*, *Pelle*, *Franz Waldemar*, *Empress of China*, H.M.S. *Fame*.  
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 FOR SWATOW, AMOY AND FOOCOW.

**THE Company's Steamship**  
**"HAITAN."**  
 Captain J. S. Roach, will be despatched for the above Ports TO-MORROW, the 6th inst., at 9 A.M.  
 For Freight or Passage, apply to  
**DOUGLAS, LAPEL & CO.,**  
 General Managers.  
 Hongkong, 3rd January, 1907. 143

**COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.**  
 FOR SHANGHAI, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA.

**THE Company's Steamship**  
**"OCEANIAN."**  
 Captain Magnus, will be despatched for the above Ports on or about MONDAY, 7th inst.  
 For Freight or Passage, apply to  
**G. DE CHAMPEAUX,**  
 Agent.  
 Hongkong, 3rd January, 1907. 12

**NAVIGAZIONE GENERALE ITALIANA.**  
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**STEAM FOR BOMBAY VIA SINGAPORE AND PENANG.**  
 Having connection with Company's Mail Steamers to ADEN, SUZ, PORT SAID, MISRAH, NAPLES, LIGURIA and GENOA, also VISAGE and TRIESTE, all MEDITERRANEAN, ADRIATIC, LEVANTINE and SOUTH AMERICAN PORTS up to CALAO. (Taking Cargo at through rates to PERSIAN GULF and BAGDAD, also BARCELONA, VALENZA, ALICANTE, ALMERIA and MALAGA.)

**THE Steamship**  
**"ISCHIA."**  
 Captain Dodero, will be despatched as above on FRIDAY, the 11th Jan., at NOON.  
 At Bombay the Steamer is discharging in Victoria Dock.  
 For further particulars regarding Freight and Passage, apply to  
**CARLOWITZ & Co.,**  
 Agents.  
 Hongkong, 31st December, 1906. 14

**REGULAR STEAMSHIP SERVICE**  
 (WITH LIBERTY TO CALL AT MALABAR COAST).  
**PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.**  
 1907  
 FOR NEW YORK.  
**"SATSUMA"** ... 19th Jan.  
**"SIKH"** ... 9th Feb.  
 For Freight and further information, apply to  
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 Agents.  
 Hongkong, 12th November, 1906. 1787

## VESSELS ADVERTISED AS LOADING

To ascertain the anchorage of any Vessel, the Harbour has been divided into Four Sections commencing from Green Island. Vessels anchoring nearest Kowloon are marked "k." nearest Hongkong "h." midway between Hongkong and Kowloon "m." and those vessels berthed at the Kowloon Wharf "k.w." together with the number denoting the section.

DESTINATION	VESSEL'S NAMES	FLAG & REG.	BERTH	CAPTAIN	FOR FREIGHT APPLY TO	TO BE DESPATCHED
LONDON &c. VIA USUAL PORTS OF CALL	SINLA	Brit. str.	—	C. D. Goldsmith	P. & O. S. N. Co.	On 12th inst., at Noon.
LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	NOBIA	Brit. str.	—	F. J. Fox	P. & O. S. N. Co.	About 16th inst.
MARSEILLES &c. VIA PORTS OF CALL	YARRA	French str.	—	Sellier	MESSAGERIES MARITIMES	On 8th inst., at 1 P.M.
MARSEILLES & HAMBURG VIA PORTS	AMBRIA	Ger. str.	k.w.	Schwinghammer	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 15th inst.
BRIMMEN, VIA PORTS OF CALL	SEYDLITZ	Ger. str.	—	C. Dowers	MELCHERS & CO.	On 16th inst., at Noon.
HAYRE, ANTWERP & HAMBURG VIA STRAITS, &c.	ANDALUSIA	Ger. str.	k.w.	Schmidt	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	To-day.
COPENHAGEN & RUSSIAN, SCANDINAVIAN PORTS	SPEZIA	Ger. str.	k.w.	Malchow	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 25th inst.
NAPLES, PLYMOUTH, HAVRE, BREMEN & H'BURG	CAMBODIA	Dan. str.	—	Juger	MELCHERS & CO.	About Middle of Jan.
TRIESTE, &c. VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	HOHENSTAUFEN	Ger. str.	k.w.	Bahle	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 11th inst.
NEW YORK	SILESIA	Ger. str.	k.w.	Damianovich	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 8th Feb.
VANCOUVER VIA SHANGHAI JAPAN, &c.	VANDALIA	Ger. str.	k.w.	Franch	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	About 31st inst.
VICTORIA (B.C.) & TACOMA VIA JAPAN	SATSUMA	Brit. str.	—	Dodwell & Co., Ltd.	DOUGLAS, LAPEL & CO.	To-day.
SOUTH AMERICAN PORTS VIA JAPAN PORTS	TANTAR	Brit. str.	1 m.	H. C. Armstrong	CANADIAN PACIFIC R. CO.	On 9th inst., at Noon.
AUSTRALIAN PORTS VIA MANILA	EMPEROR OF CHINA	Brit. str.	2 m.	W. C. T. S. Finner	DOUGLAS, LAPEL & CO.	On 17th inst., at 4 P.M.
YOKOHAMA & KOBE	LYRA	Aust. str.	—	T. Moore	MELCHERS & CO.	On 12th inst.
YOKOHAMA & KOBE	KASATO MARU	Jap. str.	—	L. Dawson	MELCHERS & CO.	On 1st Feb., at Noon.
YOKOHAMA & KOBE	CHANGHAI	Brit. str.	1 m.	Bummerick	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 7th inst., at 4 P.M.
YOKOHAMA & KOBE	KINA	Dan. str.	—	J. H. Brown	MELCHERS & CO.	About 3rd inst.
YOKOHAMA & KOBE	TAITUAN	Brit. str.	1 m.	J. M. Ray	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 19th inst., at 4 P.M.
YOKOHAMA & KOBE	SIBIRIAN	Dan. str.	—	S. Barham	MELCHERS & CO.	About 23rd inst.
YOKOHAMA & KOBE	TAITATAP	Dan. str.	—	Bahle	JAVA-CHINA-JAPAN LINE	Quick despatch.
YOKOHAMA & KOBE	DAPHNE	Ger. str.	k.w.	E. Schipper	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	To-morrow.
YOKOHAMA & KOBE	YOHOW	Brit. str.	1 m.	J. H. Brown	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	To-day, at Noon.
YOKOHAMA & KOBE	YOHANG	Brit. str.	—	J. M. Ray	JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.	To-morrow, at Daylight.
YOKOHAMA & KOBE	SILESIA	Ger. str.	k.w.	Magnea	P. & O. S. N. Co.	About 6th inst.
YOKOHAMA & KOBE	OCEANIAN	French str.	—	Magnea	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 7th inst.
YOKOHAMA & KOBE	SHOBU MARU	Jap. str.	—	M. Nemoto	OSAKA SHOSHEN KAISHA	On 9th inst., at 8 A.M.
YOKOHAMA & KOBE	KWONGSANG	Brit. str.	—	W. P. Baker	JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.	On 9th inst., at 4 P.M.
YOKOHAMA & KOBE	SAMBIA	Ger. str.	k.w.	A. L. Valentini	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 10th inst.
YOKOHAMA & KOBE	ARCADIA	Brit. str.	—	J. Sakurai	MELCHERS & CO.	About 11th inst.
YOKOHAMA & KOBE	GEORGE MARU	Jap. str.	—	J. Warreck	OSAKA SHOSHEN KAISHA	To-day, at Noon.
YOKOHAMA & KOBE	MANABU MARU	Brit. str.	1 m.	Monkman	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 9th inst., at 4 P.M.
YOKOHAMA & KOBE	TIENKIN	Brit. str.	1 m.	R. Robinson	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 12th inst., at Noon.
YOKOHAMA & KOBE	SUNOKIANG	Brit. str.	1 m.	J. S. Roach	DOUGLAS, LAPEL & CO.	To-morrow, at 9 A.M.
YOKOHAMA & KOBE	HAITAN	Brit. str.	2 1/2	R. Rodger	SHAWAN, TOMES & CO.	To-day, at 4 P.M.
YOKOHAMA & KOBE	ZAFIRO	Brit. str.	—	Sommerville	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 5th inst., at 4 P.M.
YOKOHAMA & KOBE	TEAN	Brit. str.	1 m.	A. G. Smith	JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.	On 11th inst., at 4 P.M.
YOKOHAMA & KOBE	LONGRANG	Brit. str.	—	R. Almond	SHAWAN, TOMES & CO.	On 12th inst., at Noon.
YOKOHAMA & KOBE	RUDE	Brit. str.	—	W. E. Sawyer	JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.	On 10th inst., at 3 P.M.
YOKOHAMA & KOBE	FOOKSANG	Brit. str.	—	Brudley	JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.	On 12th inst., at 3 P.M.
YOKOHAMA & KOBE	KUTSANG	Brit. str.	—	Dodero	CARLOWITZ & CO.	On 11th inst., at Noon.
YOKOHAMA & KOBE	ISCHIA	Ital. str.	—			

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 VLADIVOSTOK DIRECT "KINA" About 3rd Jan.  
 YOKOHAMA AND KOBE "SIBIRIAN" About 26th Jan.  
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 SCANDINAVIAN AND GERMAN "KINA" About Beginning of Feb.  
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 For Further Particulars, apply to  
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 Hongkong, 29th December, 1906. 9

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For Freight or Passage apply to  
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 PROJECTED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG (SUBJECT TO ALTERATION).  
 FOR STEAMERS TO SAIL.  
 SHANGHAI VIA SWATOW "HOPKINS" Sunday, 6th Jan., daylight.  
 SHANGHAI "KWONGSANG" Wednesday, 9th Jan., 4 P.M.  
 SINGAPORE, PENANG & CALCUTTA "FOCKSANG" Thursday, 14th Jan., 3 P.M.  
 MANILA "LOONGSANG" Friday, 11th Jan., 4 P.M.  
 SINGAPORE, PENANG & CALCUTTA "KUTSANG" Saturday, 12th Jan., 3 P.M.  
 These Steamers have superior accommodation for First-Class Passengers and are fitted throughout with Electric Light.  
 Taking Cargo on Through Bills of Lading to Chefoo, Tientsin, (via Chingwantao) and Yangtze Ports.  
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**NEXT SAILINGS OUTWARD.**  
 FOR SHANGHAI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA (TSINGTAU, CHEFOO AND TIENTSIN VIA SHANGHAI).  
 SILESIA ... Capt. Bahle ... 7th January  
 SCANDIA ... Capt. v. Doehren ... 1st February  
 HABSBURG ... Capt. Filler ... 3rd March

**NEXT SAILINGS HOMEWARD.**  
 FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO, ADEN, SUEZ, PORT SAID, NAPLES, PLYMOUTH, HAVRE, AND HAMBURG.  
 HOHENSTAUFEN ... Capt. Jaeger ... 11th January  
 SILESIA ... Capt. Bahle ... 8th February  
 SCANDIA ... Capt. v. Doehren ... 2nd March  
 HABSBURG ... Capt. Filler ... 5th April

**FREIGHT SERVICE.**  
**NEXT SAILINGS OUTWARD.**  
 FOR SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA ... 7th January  
 SILESIA ... FOR SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA ... 10th January  
 SCANDIA ... FOR SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA ... 15th January  
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**NEXT SAILINGS HOMEWARD.**  
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 Taking Cargo at through rates to ANTWERP, AMSTERDAM, ROTTERDAM, COPENHAGEN, LISBON, OPORTO, LONDON, LIVERPOOL, GLASGOW, TRINITE, GENOA, PORTS in the LEVANT, BLACK SEA and BALTIC PORTS, NORTH and SOUTH AMERICAN PORTS. Also via Aden or Port Said by the "ARABIC PERSIAN SERVICE" to Arabian and Persian Gulf Ports.

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## JOHN JAMESON'S JOSS.

[WRITTEN FOR THE "HONGKONG DAILY PRESS" BY C. J. HALLIBROOK.]

Kneeling upon the bare stone pavement and devoutly kneeling before a very ugly and revolting idol in the great Buddhist temple of Tung Tze, was a dainty little Chinese maiden: the only worshipper there save a fat, looking old priest who flitted about in the performance of his time-honoured duties.

The charming little lady in question, whose name was Loo-fah, was possessed of large, dark eyes, dark and deep-lashed, and a wealth of black hair which was elaborately dressed in the butterfly style of Far East and decorated with a crown of white flowers and blossoms. She was attired in the simple yet picturesque costume of her country, consisting of a loose jacket of light blue broadcloth with long bell-shaped sleeves, and a divided skirt embroidered at the edges; and her feet—which were naturally small and for a wonder not cramped after the hideous custom of the far East—were encased in the finest of shoes imaginable; and her own small fingers had worked the gold-threaded flowers on the toes.

As she knelt there in the dim amber light of that ancient place, surrounded by great grotesque-like idols, she made a decidedly unique picture; and apparently the old priest thought so too, for he paused in the shadow of a broad pillar and regarded her with a smile of paternal solicitude. He had known Loo-fah a long while and was deeply attached to the child—for she was only a child after all; a child in looks and a child in lore, though a wonderful little woman in many ways.

For little Loo-fah, her lot was not altogether an enviable one, though she always seemed happy and contented; for the only relative she had in the world was an old and crochety step-mother, and between them they eked out a meagre livelihood by making bamboo baskets and lantern frames. But these humble avocations among bright flowers and spreading foliage in which birds warbled merrily all day and boreth, which—Loo-fah seriously believed—an infinite variety of vines and brownies dispersed themselves on the mossy turf during the long silent hours of the summer nights.

She had just lighted a sheaf of joss-sticks, the smoke of which diffused a sweet perfume of sandalwood, and was rising to place this offering upon the altar in front of the idol, when the silence was rudely broken by the loud and irreverent steps of someone entering the building. She gained her feet, and looking round in surprise, saw a young man in European dress standing within the entrance and peering about him with unabashed curiosity.

He was an Englishman; and, in spite of red hair and a suspiciously ruddy complexion, he might be taken for a conventional Englishman—"passed master" in a crowd of his own countrymen. But to unprejudiced Loo-fah, he appeared simply divine. Nevertheless she was afraid of him; for in spite of the fact that years far beyond the kin of her memory had passed since a foreigner had visited that out-of-the-way place on the Yangtze river, she had herself strange and terrible stories of the foreigner told her from the remote lands of the west. So she instinctively shrank back to where the priest was standing as though for protection; and the old man laid his hand reassuringly upon her shoulder, and they stood together regarding the intruder with silent curiosity.

John Jameson, for such was the Englishman's name, thrust his hands deep into the pockets of his trousers, and, standing with his legs wide apart, whistled softly and returned the girl's gaze with aggressive solemnity. Then, carefully removing a white rose from his button hole, he stepped forward and offered it to Loo-fah. In a flutter of embarrassment, she looked up for decorative purposes, and, crowned her new idol with the rose which lay withering there with the sacred memento of that first memorable meeting in the temple.

On her way back to the bungalow, she was met by a boy who told her that Jameson had returned from the Haikwan and had gone to bed, being very ill with fever. Forgetful of all else, she hurried home to his relief. That was the end of Loo-fah's summer and the beginning of long and weary days and nights of patient watching by the bedside of the sick man. But she never left him and never seemed weary of attending upon him and comforting him; and when, after weeks and months of constant anxiety and unrelenting vigilance, the doctor, from Ichang, ordered his immediate return to England, the faithful little woman brought out the small box she had saved by her economy, and bravely prepared to forsake her people, and her country in the fervent hope that she might yet be able to preserve the life which was infinitely more precious to her than her own.

One day, a small bungalow, built for the man in charge of the new Haikwan, stood at Tung Tze—peeped out from among the rhubarbaceous foliage which clothed the hillside on the northern bank of the great Yangtze river. The house stood in a beautiful garden, and commanded a view of surpassing grandeur; while just above it, embosomed among elm-trees and pine-trees, stood the old-world fane where Loo-fah was wont to pray. But she had not been there lately, for fate had guided her steps into the way of the stranger.

That bungalow was John Jameson's new home, and the queen of that home was the dainty little fairy he had met in the ancient joss-house under the shadow of which he had won and won her to himself.

It was a simple story. A few days of clandestine meetings and a few twilight ramblings amidst the sylvan haunts which surrounded Loo-fah's humble home—a brief courtship which was to her a lifetime of soul-thrilling happiness to be ever treasured in her deep-musing mind, and to him merely a romantic and diverting episode—there came a day when he went to the old stepmother and bargained for the child as he would have done had he been buying a dog or a piece of merchandise. And when although the woman asked Loo-fah if she wished to go and live with the foreigner, she hung her head shamefacedly for a moment or two and then, with a look of unrepentant devotion, went and placed her small hand confidently in his; and as far as she was concerned, the contract was sealed. For he had already stolen her heart away and was the very light and hope of her young life.

Then, while in accordance with Chinese custom he was making the transaction a binding one by paying the equivalent of his fiancée in silver (Loo-fah's stepmother, who had worldly belongings in a toy-like trunk and attired herself in her best silken gown. She then returned to them and with all due reverence paid her parting respects to her stepmother who gave her as a dour a small box of preserved ginger which had come all the way from Canton and had been kept for some important occasion.

Then John Jameson took her hand and led her away down the hill, and a stalwart coolie brought up the rear with the toy-like trunk tucked under his arm. So Loo-fah was the

mistress of the bungalow, over the domestic affairs of which she presided with becoming thrift and decorum, curtailing expense, seeing that the Chinese boys did their duty during the absence of their master at the Haikwan House, and above all, watching that they did not follow the popular Celestial custom of "squeezing" unmercifully, or, in other words, making undue requisition on his expense.

But the long peaceful evenings were her especial delight. For then the light of her life would sit with her in a shady nook in the garden, and, while repelling himself with diverse brandies and sodas, playfully fondle her and listen to the wonderful old stories she loved to tell—these beautiful mystical legends which are interwoven with the lives of her people and having been a part of their very religion for countless years, are solemnly revered and believed. And because he was all the world to her, she strove to acquire a knowledge of his own language and was an apt pupil, yet he never troubled to teach her anything beyond the proverbial "piggin English," and this she soon learned. These were indeed the happy halcyon days of her brief life; days which were few enough but which were lived by her with all the zest of tender, trustful youth, youth which was strangely bleaded with all the nobler qualities of womanhood.

The evening, after she had been pondering upon religious matters and silently wondering as to whom John Jameson worshipped—since she had heard vague rumours that the foreigner believed only in the Great God or Prince of Heaven, she sided closer to Jameson and looked wistfully into his face.

"Who belong your joss?" She asked a little diffidently.

With grim irony he pointed with the stem of his pipe towards a bottle of brandy which stood before him and from which he had been, as usual, mixing himself liberal potations.

"That belong my joss," he answered; and he was not far wrong.

With serious conviction in look and gesture, she clasp'd her hands together and rising for a moment bowed twice before the bottle. Then, resuming herself she regarded it with question-gaze. He approvingly patted her on the shoulder, being highly amused.

If that was John Jameson's joss, then it should be hers also. For was he not her lord and lover and part of her very being? And was she not his lawful spouse and the pride and joy of his heart? This mused poor little Loo-fah! And next morning, when Jameson had gone to business, she took the precious bottle—which was now empty—and went up to the temple for the purpose of installing it there in an honourable place among the other josses.

The old priest had not seen her for some time, though he had heard all about her and, as she entered the building, his kindly heart was touched and he went forward and greeted her. "How is it with you, my poor child?" he said gently; for he had not the heart to reproach her. "I hear that you have left your step-mother and have gone to live with the foreigner of the Haikwan."

"Yes, it is true," she said with childish rapture, taking his hand and hiding up the bottle for his inspection. "This is my lord John Jameson's joss."

The priest evidently did not think there was anything extraordinary about that, though he had never seen its like before. Taking the bottle in both hands, he examined it with critical solemnity, particularly the label. "This is an excellent joss," he said, "but length observed, sagely standing upon the neck as if looking through a telescope. They went together and placed it upon a small altar in front of Tihow, the Goddess of Mercy; and after burning incense and prayerfully kneeling before it, Loo-fah went and fetched some plum-blossoms for decorative purposes, and crowned her new idol with the rose which lay withering there with the sacred memento of that first memorable meeting in the temple.

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When bedtime came, Mrs. Hall took her up to her room and putting to a child's feet standing in a corner, began undressing herself. So Loo-fah did the same; and vaguely wondering, yet not liking to ask, what had become of Jameson, she crept into her small bed and, being weary, soon went to sleep.

Next morning she awoke early, for—like most of her country people—she was an early riser; but knowing that she was in another person's house she did not like to act independently. She fastidiously peeped from beneath the blanket, she watched the form in the other bed; and directly Mrs. Hall got up and dressed, she did likewise and then followed her downstairs to the kitchen. Feeling uneasy, she did not know what to do, she stood with her hands meekly folded in front of her.

"The fire!" snapped Mrs. Hall, darting a vindictive glance at her and pointing to a broken bundle of fire wood lying near the fire place. Loo-fah mechanically picked up two or three sticks and stood looking about her in a bewildered manner. For in China, as in Europe, only small earthen stoves for burning charcoal, and even the best cooks, and those employed by Europeans, use no other.

The woman snatched the sticks from her and proceeded to light the fire herself; while Loo-fah, eager to make amends, tried to assist in the process; but everything she did seemed to be wrong. However, she kept her eyes open and being quick at learning did not have to be told again. From that time forth she rose early and lighted the fires and prepared breakfast and did all her hands found to do. But sometimes her heart would yearn for the sunny clime of her native land which she never could hope to see again; and then she would stand upstairs to her bedroom and looking in front of her small trunk, pray earnestly for there was something very precious in that trunk—something she would not deprecate by removing until she could find a fitting place for its reception.

Jameson grew stronger, and after a time he found employment and was about to leave the house during the day. But in the evening he would sometimes sit with Loo-fah, and that cheered her heart; and she always went to the front window and watched for his home-coming and ran down the street to meet him.

At the back of the house there was a small well-grown yard containing one solitary labourer in a tree, and when the days lengthened into Summer Loo-fah made a little bower beneath the tree, and her heart was joyful when she surveyed her handiwork. Then she constructed a seat before it, and some old boxes and placed there a small table she had found broken among some lumber in a corner of the yard and had cleaned and mended. Having done this, she cherished possession, and that was nothing more nor less than John Jameson's joss which she had removed from the old temple just before leaving Tung Tze, and had preserved in place of silk and linen. Unwrapping the bottle and placing in it the faded wook of the day when first they met, she stood on a small wooden altar inside her bower and decked it with the best woads she could find; for the flowers grew in that back yard. On Sunday evenings when Mrs. Hall had gone to chapel Jameson would sometimes go and sit with Loo-fah in her favourite retreat; and as Jameson had been so much brighter, happier and more affectionate when he brought with him his "joss," and drank from it, Loo-fah liquid it contained—the nectar of the gods, she told her. So she prayed to his joss all the more.

But she was very much alone, and her heart was often burdened with secret sorrow; for, as time went on, Jameson became colder and more indifferent to her and often spent his evenings away from home, generally returning after she and her sister had retired to rest. And when Loo-fah asked the woman where he was, she would invariably point up the road and say that he was "at the other house." Still Loo-fah never complained; she only wondered, being far too loyal to harbour any suspicion against him, and every morning she brought his regular hours of humble toil to drive her mind and wean her away from harrowing thoughts.

Her loss would never change, that was certain. It rose, pure and unadorned, above toil, sorrow, penury, neglect—a soul-redeeming sacrifice verily acceptable to Heaven. The evening after a busy day of cooking all manner of delicacies, which had been conveyed to the "other house," Mrs. Hall informed Loo-fah that on the morrow there was going to be a great feast there in honour of Jameson, and that she was to go too and help in many ways. Loo-fah's heart beat high with gladness and expectation, and she could hardly sleep for thinking about this great event. But next morning when Mrs. Hall gave her a clean white apron to wear at the banquet, her pride was touched, and for once in her life she rebelled. As far as she could gather, it was going to be a great and joyful day for her lord and lover, and she would not wear the badge of servitude. No, she would not—and she had her own way.

John Jameson and his sister left the house early in the day; but before doing so, the latter, Loo-fah, she instructed as to what she was to do, and cautioned her against appearing publicly in her native costume which she had intended to wear.

The day was warm and beautiful—it reminded Loo-fah of far Tung Tze and the old temple—and that first meeting. At eleven o'clock she was sitting at her dressing table, and she was still waiting for her sister, the best and the only one of her own people, to come and help her to dress. She was so simple and so bashful she had but a white frill round her neck. But her inlaid black hair was dressed in the quiet and pretty style of old China; and where the crescent of white mark it blue-ones had once reposed, was a chain of daisies—the only flowers she could get.

On arriving at her destination, she found a number of men, women and children sitting about the door; and they greeted her appearance with loud guffaws and caustic remarks about her country people.

With shame-fushed face she hurried after a girl who came out and conducted her to the kitchen where she was to stand by a sizzling cauldron of roast fowl and beef; and the little lady was soon bearing hot plates and steaming dishes up to the room where the banquet was spread.

She and the girl had just put the finishing touches to the table, when a rumbling of carriages was heard, together with much cheering and clattering from the crowd outside. Loo-fah instinctively knew John Jameson was coming and in a flutter of confusion she awaited him, in the meantime nervously toying with the lace frill and running her fingers over her hair to see that it was not disarranged.

There was a rustling of dresses and a babel of voices and laughter, and in another moment Jameson stepped into the room with a tall handsome young woman leaning on his arm; and behind him came Mrs. Hall and a goodly company of guests.

Loo-fah sprang forward to greet him, but he gently put her aside and led the lady he was escorting to a seat beside him at the head

of the table, while the company followed their example. But no one appeared to notice that dainty little figure.

The child stood for a moment as though spell-bound, her face growing deathly pale and her small work-worn hands folding and unfolding themselves in the intensity of her agitation. There she stood, with her large black eyes fixed wondrously and appealingly upon him. But he never looked her way.

Then suddenly she turned and with head bowed in grief and humiliation too deep for words went quietly back into the kitchen and began washing plates. The girl working there asked why she did not go and eat of the wedding breakfast. But Loo-fah could not reply; she smiled mournfully, and slowly shook her head; and as the plates came down, she patiently washed them one by one and put them away in their places. Then, when her work was done, she slipped out of the house and went her way home.

She knew that she stood alone in the world now, and that her life's mission was ended. Yet she would not believe that Jameson was to blame. No, it was all the fault of that faithless joss of his. Perhaps she was right. However she had served him faithfully and was glad to have suddenly grown a wiser—told her that he would think of that some day in the years to come.

"These sweet thoughts of consolation" came to her as she went and seated herself in her favourite bower among the weeds in the small back yard. For here she had spent the few happy hours of her life; and here she had dreamed many bright dreams and built many fine castles. And when Mrs. Hall returned in the evening she found her sitting in that rude arbour under the labourer, with the golden Summer twilight playing among her glossy hair. She was dressed in her best—in the beautiful though faded gown she had worn on that still morning in the old temple of far Tung Tze; and at her feet lay the shattered fragments of John Jameson's faithless joss.

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